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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

## 1,-21. (Cancelled)

(Currently Amended) A method of making a shaving razor, the method comprising
providing a housing including a generally rectangular recess having four side
walls and carrying a guard member.

providing a phirality of elongated metal razor blades, each blade having a cutting edge[[s]] and first and second longitudinal ends,

securing said first longitudinal ends to a first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends to a second end block at locations on said first and second plastic block auch that said cutting edges <u>collectively</u> define a shaving surface, and said blades and blocks provide an integrated blade subassembly,

wherein no part of said integrated blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks, and

inserting said integrated subassembly into the rectangular recess.

# 23.-27. (Cancelled)

(Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said recess is open to the top, and said
positioning involves lowering said integrated blade subassembly into said recess.

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29. (Currently Amended) A shaving razor comprising

a housing defining a generally rectangular recess having four side walls, and carrying a guard member, and, within and surrounded by the side walls of the housing, a blade subassembly comprising

a plurality of elongated metal blades, each said blade having a culting edge, said having cutting edges collectively defining a shaving surface, and each said blade[[s]] having first and second longitudinal ends, and

first and second plastic blocks, said first longitudinal ends being secured to said first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends being secured to said second plastic block to provide an integral unit, said blades being secured to each other only at their ends,

wherein no part of the blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks.

## 30. (Cancelled)

- (Previously presented) The razor of claim 29 wherein said first and second longitudinal ends are received in slots in said first and second plastic blocks.
- 32. (Previously presented) The razor of claim 31 wherein said first and second longitudinal ends and said slots have mating locking structure to secure said first and second longitudinal ends to said first and second plastic blocks.
- (Previously presented) The razor of claim 33 wherein said locking structure includes projections projecting into said slots that engage holes through said longitudinal ends.
- 34. (Previously presented) The razor of claim 34 wherein said longitudinal ends have a thickness that is greater than the width of the slut minus the height of the projection.

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(Previously presented) The razor of claim 29 wherein each said blade includes an
elongated cutting member having said cutting edge and a said first longitudinal end and a
said second longitudinal end.

- (Previously presented) The razor of claim 29 wherein said plurality of elongated metal blades includes at least three said blades.
- (Previously presented) The razor of claim 29 wherein said plurality of elongated metal bludes includes at least four said blades.
- 38. (New) A method of making a shaving razor, the method comprising providing a housing including a generally rectangular recess having four side walls.

providing a plurality of elongated metal razor blades, each blade having a cutting edge and first and second longitudinal ends,

securing said first longitudinal ends to a first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends to a second end block at locations on said first and second plastic block such that said cutting edges collectively define a shaving surface, and said blades and blocks provide an integrated blade subassembly consisting of said first plastic block, said second end block and said blades.

wherein no part of said integrated blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks, and

inserting said integrated subassembly into the rectangular recess.

 (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising a lubricating strip carried by said housing.

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#### 40. (New) A shaving razor comprising

a housing defining a generally rectangular recess having four side walls, and, within and surrounded by the side walls of the housing,

a blade subassembly consisting of

a plurality of elongated metal blades, each said blade having a cutting edge, said cutting edges collectively defining a shaving surface, and each said blades having first and second longitudinal ends, and

first and second plastic blocks, said first longitudinal ends being secured to said first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends being secured to said second plastic block to provide an integral unit, said blades being secured to each other only at their ends.

wherein no part of the blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks.

- (New) The shaving razor of claim 29 further comprising a habricating strip carried by said housing.
- (New) The shaving razor of claim 40 wherein said guard is positioned adjacent one
  wall of the recess and said lubricating strip is positioned adjacent an opposite wall of
  the recess.